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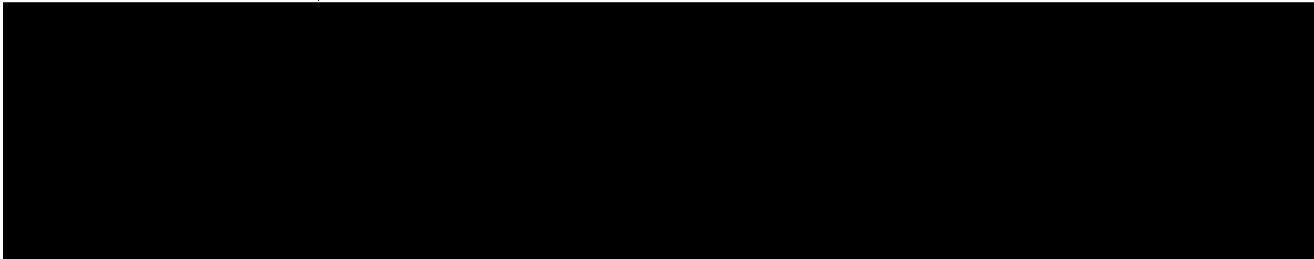
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1. On 20 September 1946 the Finnish Mercantile Marine numbered 108 merchant ships (each above 1,000 tons) totalling 322,000 tons. It includes eleven ocean-going steamers totalling 75,500 tons.

2. The exploitation of the Finnish Merchant Fleet in the Baltic is illustrated by the following figures:

	Ships	Tons
a. Put at the disposal of the USSR	17	54,500
b. On regular shipping line service	28	60,000
c. Sporadic shipping (tramps)	40	102,000
d. Undergoing overhaul and repairs	12	30,000
Total	97	246,500

3. After the armistice Finland was forced to cede to the USSR twenty-nine of its merchant ships, of which twelve (totalling about 3,000 tons) were returned to Finland up to 1 August or 1 September 1946. At present the USSR is using only seventeen Finnish ships having a total tonnage of 54,000 tons.

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4. As regards shipping to and from Finland, Finnish ships carry the following amounts:

	<u>Baltic Ports</u>	<u>Black Sea Ports</u>
a. Finnish ships	73%	88%
b. Foreign ships	27%	12%

5. Of the twenty-four tugs and two floating cranes which Finland bought from the USA on demobilization (six tugs of 650 HP and thirteen of 400 HP), ten tugs and one crane have already been delivered. The Finnish Government had intended to sell these tugs to private firms, but none of the latter wishes to purchase them, as they regard the price (20 million Finnish Marks for a large tug and 12 million for a small tug) as far too high. The government, therefore, has decided to adapt six of these tugs for ice-breakers, each at a cost of 10 million Finnish Marks and to use six tugs as trawlers. The use to which the remaining twelve tugs will ultimately be put is not yet known.

6. Until 1952 the Valkon Laiva shipyard, employing 500 workers, is to build seventy ships as war reparations. At present this shipyard is making wooden ferries of 1,000 tons each. So far not one ship has been completed. There are four cutters and two ferries on the slipways.

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